

Miller & Rhoads

Are Especially Exhibiting this week—for the approval of the most discriminating of our patrons—the latest and most popular fashions in

Dress Goods for Spring

The following is but a briefly-put summary of what women of fashion are wearing, or calling for to be made into natty costumes for warmer days.

A personal inspection of the exhibit at this time is especially desired.

For Tailored Suits—SERGES are Very Fashionable

Our answer to the call of fashion for these is COMPLETE STOCKS. 36 to 54-inch wide serges, in medium and dark navy blue—50c to \$2.00 a yard.

Cream Serge Suiting

36 to 54 inches wide; shown in a variety of fashionable weaves for the New Cream Suits—59c to \$2.00 a yard.

Shepherd Check Suiting

38 to 54 inches wide; shown in different sizes of checks—in black and white—50c to \$1.50 a yard.

Popular Tan Suitings

42 to 54 inches wide; those desiring the prettiest, most fashionable shades may obtain them here in French serges, storm serges and whipcords at 75c to \$2.50 a yard.

New Grey Suitings

44 to 54 inches wide; in stripes, plain greys, mixtures, etc.; excellent fabrics, \$1.00 to \$2.50 a yard.

Novelty Suitings

54 inches wide; a line comprising smart greys and tans for tailored gowns, \$1.50 and \$2.00 a yard.

All-Wool Henriettas, All-Wool Batiste and French Serges . . 50c yd.

All popular fabrics, shown here in the wanted shades.

See Our Window Display of New Bordered Challies at 59c a yd.

27 inches wide; an exceedingly popular all-wool fabric—very soft and clinging—for the new draped-effect costumes for summer; shown in very attractive stripes, borders and floral designs.

Witness also, our exhibition of NEW SPRING SILKS, joining forces with the Dress Goods and producing altogether one of the most comprehensive and interesting displays of fashionable Dress fabrics we have yet shown.

MILLER & RHOADS.

Silk and Dress Goods Section—Main Floor.

CHARTER SECURED FOR NEW RAILWAY

Permitted to Build From Richmond to Many Points in Virgin Territory.

MAY GO INTO NORTHERN NECK

Well-Known Man at Head of Line to Be Constructed to the Rappahannock.

After delays caused by determination of a terminal, a charter was granted yesterday by the State Corporation Commission to the Richmond and Rappahannock River Railway Company, which will complete the task set for the Richmond, Urbana and Pottsville Railway. The object of the incorporation is to build a line of railroad, operated by any kind of power, between Richmond and Urbana, on the Rappahannock, an estimated distance of sixty miles.

Bond has already been filed with the city to insure the completion of construction within a reasonable time, as a part of the agreement by the Commission in the sale to the company of the Seven Pines electric line by the Virginia Railway and Power Company. This trolley line will, it is supposed, become part of the new system which will open to this city a new and rich territory, with much of the trade now going to Baltimore.

Colonel Joseph E. Willard, of Fairfax, is president of the Richmond and Rappahannock River Railway Company. Charles L. Rollins, of Burnsville, N. C., is vice-president; R. B. Campbell, of Richmond, secretary and treasurer, and O. E. Pottsville, assistant secretary and treasurer. The directors are: Joseph E. Willard, Fairfax; A. M. Gover, A. R. Holladay, Thomas R. Bryan, R. N. Pollard, Christopher Manning, Jr., and Clyde W. Saunders, all of Richmond.

Preferred and Common Stock.

The maximum capital stock is to be \$500,000, divided into 5,000 shares of \$100 each. One thousand shares will be of preferred stock bearing 6 percent interest, payable semi-annually, redeemable by the company after three years. The remaining 4,000 shares will be of common stock.

The object of the incorporation is to build and operate a line of railroad from a point within or near the city of Richmond, to a point, or points, on the Rappahannock River near the town of Urbana, in Middlesex county, or to a point near the town of Tappan, in Essex county.

The line is also given to cross the river and build to any or all of the following places in the Northern Neck: Warsaw, Richmond county; Nomini Bay, on the Potomac River in Westmoreland county; Murdo Point, on the York river in York county; Northampton county; Heathsville, Northumberland county; Redville, Northumberland county; Harvey's Wharf, Northumberland county; Lancaster Courthouse, Lancaster county; and Ocean, Lancaster county.

or, if it pleases, the road may run branches to Matthews Courthouse, to New Point Comfort, Matthews county; to Gloucester Courthouse or to Gloucester Point.

The main line between Richmond and the Rappahannock is not to exceed sixty miles, while the Northern Neck line is to be not longer than fifty miles.

Tucker Succeeds Massey.

Governor Mann yesterday appointed James L. Tucker, of Amherst, a member of the Commission of Fisheries, to succeed Bland Massey, of Nelson, resigned. Mr. Tucker is a farmer and a student of public affairs, being active in educational and political matters in his county.

Mr. Massey, now in the State Senate, has been a member of the commission four years.

Military Commissions.

The following commissions were issued yesterday by Adjutant-General W. S. Sale:

J. Palmer Bright, to be major, Medical Corps, Virginia Volunteers.

Samuel W. Mahaffy, of Warrenton, to be captain, Medical Corps, Virginia Volunteers.

Joseph R. Anderson, to be captain of engineers and historiographer at the Virginia Military Institute.

BIG PRICE FOR LAND

Six and One-Half Acres in Henrico County for \$24,700.

The high price of \$24,700 for an unimproved suburban real estate was reached yesterday by the sale of 6.5 acres of Henrico land for \$24,700. The deed of bargain and sale, transferring the small tract from Henry S. Butler to Josephine T. Woodward, was recorded in clerk's office of the Henrico County Circuit Court yesterday morning. While the figure named in the deed was \$24,700 and other valuable considerations, the county tax showed the price to have been as stated above.

The six and one-half acres which brought the high price was a triangular plot of ground, bounded by the Broad Street Road, the Bell Lane and Acca Road, and lies just across the city limits in the Brookland district. Its proximity to the railroad will make it a very desirable manufacturing site, or it can be subdivided and sold off for building lots.

Midweek Prayer Service.

The midweek prayer service at Grove Avenue Baptist Church, his evening will be conducted by the Young Men's Baraca Bible Class.

STATE WILL TAX CITY'S PROPERTY

Proposes to Assess All Plants or Realty Used as Sources of Public Revenue.

CONSTITUTION IS QUOTED

Auditor's Construction of Law Will Cost Richmond \$35,000 the Year.

Under an entirely new construction placed upon the tax laws by State Auditor C. Lee Moore, all properties owned by cities, towns and counties, whenever they make any charge for their use or receive any revenue therefrom, will be assessed with State taxes. This means that an effort will be made to collect the sum of \$35,000 from the city of Richmond this year in taxes on its gas works plant, water works plants, markets and sewer system.

Never before has such an inference been drawn from the law, and all such publicly owned property has been regarded as exempt. But the Auditor believes he is carrying out the mandate not only of the statutes, but of the Constitution itself. In fact, he has already begun to enforce his stand. The land books for the city of Newport News for this year have been received, and Mr. Moore called the attention of the commissioner of the revenue to the fact that they contained public utility owned by the city and used as a source of revenue. The reply was to the effect that Newport News owns no such institution, all plants of this character being privately owned, and therefore only assessed under other names than that of the city.

Property Not Exempt.

In his circular recently issued to the commissioners of the revenue, informing them of their duties, Auditor Moore calls special attention to the exemption from taxation. "Under the law," he says, "the provision in this section which directs you to assess all the buildings and all the land exempted 'whenever any building or land or part thereof, mentioned in this section, shall be used as a source of revenue or profit.' This provision of the law requires you to assess all markets, water and gas works, mills, pipes, etc., electric plants, poles, wires, conduits, etc., and all other buildings and the land owned by counties, cities and towns, whenever the counties, cities and towns make any charge for the use of such properties or receive any revenue or profit for the use thereof."

Property owned by the city of Richmond from which revenue is received, and which will come within the purview of Auditor Moore's construction of the law, is as follows: Gas works plant and mains, \$250,000; water works plants and mains, \$150,000; markets, \$250,000; sewer system, \$200,000. Total, \$750,000. At the state tax rate of 35 cents on the \$100 of assessed value, the taxes payable into the State Treasury on this property of the city would amount to \$262,500.

Will Be New Expense.

Unless defeated in the courts, this will amount to a new direct charge on the resources of the city, since no prior attempt has ever been made to assess or collect any taxes on property owned for public purposes by cities, towns and counties. All over the State political subdivisions will be similarly affected.

Section 13 of the Constitution exempts from taxation, State or local, among others "property lawfully owned and held by counties, cities, towns or school districts, used wholly and exclusively for county, city, town or public school purposes."

Further on the constitution says: "Whenever any building or land, or part thereof, mentioned in this section and not belonging to the State, shall be leased or shall be a source of revenue or profit, all of such buildings or land shall be liable to taxation as other lands and buildings in the same county, city or town."

On these propositions Auditor Moore rests his contention. He will demand that the commission of the revenue for Richmond assess the city property mentioned, and should he or any other local official refuse to obey instructions, the Auditor will apply to the courts for his removal.

RETURNS WITH PRENTIS

Efforts to Keep Him in Virginia Proved Unsuccessful.

Detective Wertheimer, of Chicago, left yesterday with Ralph Prentis, who is wanted in this city for a crime. Prentis is an escaped inmate of the Laurel Reformatory, and the authorities of that institution made a effort to keep him in Virginia. Governor Mann, however, honored the requisition papers of Illinois, and the prisoner was duly turned over to the officer.

WITNESS SENT TO JAIL TO SOBER UP

Fined on Monday for Being Drunk, Williamson Drowns Trouble Again in Booze.

So that he can testify for the Commonwealth in a case which will be tried Thursday in the Hustings Court, it became necessary yesterday for Judge E. H. Wells to send W. T. Williamson to jail to keep him sober.

Williamson appeared in Court Monday with a jag brought on by seven-teenth Street booze. He was too drunk to testify before the grand jury, and was fined \$5 for contempt by Judge Wells.

Yesterday the case in which he is concerned was set for trial, and for the second time he appeared intoxicated.

Judge Wells directed one of the court officers to take him to jail and keep him there until Thursday morning to insure that he will be sober when the case is called.

Williamson is the complainant against Lizzie Stokes, a negro woman, who, he alleges, assaulted and robbed him.

According to Williamson, the woman called at his home in East Main Street. When he opened the door, he says, she struck him a stunning blow and completely knocked him out. She is then alleged to have robbed him.

Your Easter Outfit Is Ready

Carefully planned and correct in every detail. Furnishings for yourself and your boys. Also man-tailored reefers for girls.

Gans-Rady Company

LUMBER DEALERS SUE AND THEN LOSE

Ellington & Gay Against Billups Won by Defendant, Who Filed Offset Plea.

Having brought suit in the Law and Equity Court for damages in the sum of \$1,000, the plaintiffs, Ellington & Gay, lumber dealers, not only lost their case yesterday, but, because of an offset plea, filed by the defendant, Charles Billups, they are required to pay him a balance of \$213.17.

The case had been on trial for two days, special efforts being made to conclude Monday night, the court holding a night session until after 11 o'clock, when the case was submitted to the jury. There was no agreement, and court adjourned until yesterday morning, when the jury again took the case and rendered its verdict, which was approved by the court.

Charles Billups owed them on open account \$111.85, whereupon Billups filed an offset claim showing that Ellington & Gay owed him \$715.02. The jury approved both claims, and rendered a verdict for the defendant in the sum of the balance, \$213.17.

Judgment Entered.

Judgment was entered yesterday in the Law and Equity Court in favor of the Richmond Seale Company, against the Victor Seale Company, for \$1.25.

Must Pay for Cream.

Judgment was entered yesterday in the Law and Equity Court in favor of the Cream Corporation for \$250. The case came up on appeal from the Court of the Civil Justice, and involved a claim for cream furnished to the ice cream company.

Suit Instituted.

Suit was brought yesterday in the Law and Equity Court by the United States Radiator Company, assignee of the Herendeen Manufacturing Company, against J. Preston Carson and J. Graham Davidson & Company, for damages in the sum of \$900.

Novlin Will Case.

Trial will begin in the Chancery Court to-day of the contested will case involving the estate of Mrs. Bettie W. Novlin, widow of Thomas Novlin. The case will be heard before a jury, this being the first jury case to be heard in the Chancery Court in some time.

Qualifications in Chancery.

Leonora F. Coleman qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as executrix of the will of Dr. Daniel J. Coleman. The estate is valued at \$22,500.

Joseph M. Willis, Jr. qualified yesterday as administrator of the estate of Joseph N. Willis. The estate is valued at \$5,000.

Annie C. Chene qualified as administratrix of the estate of Nellie Young, and also as administratrix of the estate of Charles W. Young. Both estates are small.

Qualifies to Practice.

J. D. Mitchell qualified yesterday to practice law in the Law and Equity Court.

Suit Against "Kid" Wilson.

Suit was instituted yesterday in the Law and Equity Court by R. Lovenstein and Sons, against "Kid" Wilson, known and called "Kid" Wilson, for damages laid at \$100.

Adjourns for Term.

The Circuit Court of the city of Richmond adjourned yesterday for the term.

IMPROVE GROVE AVENUE

Mayor Approves Appropriation of \$25,000 for Work.

Mayor Richardson approved yesterday and returned to City Clerk Ben T. August the resolution appropriating \$25,000 for improvement on Grove Avenue, west of Lombardy Street. It is believed that the amount will be sufficient to carry the improvement almost, if not quite, to Robinson Street.

The Mayor also approved the following: Ordinance fixing the pay of laborers in the Street Department at \$2.00 per day each, an increase of 5 per cent.

Ordinance increasing the pay of the keepers of St. John's Hospital-Ground at \$500 per annum.

A resolution authorizing the City School Board to secure plans and bids for new Sidney School, to stand on property recently acquired by the city in the far southwestern section, the building complete, including architect's fees, not to cost more than \$50,000.

Johnnie Baber Opens a Cafe.

Johnnie Baber, who has received invitations to the opening to-day of his new restaurant and opposite the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New York, was for a long time identified with the Jefferson and other hotels, and has hundreds of friends here.

TO TRY CURRIE IN JUVENILE COURT

Youthful Offenders Will Be Spared Great Humiliation Hereafter

Robert Lee Currie, the fifteen-year-old boy who killed his father, William Currie, in defending his mother last Wednesday night at their home in Fulton, will be arraigned for a preliminary examination this morning in the Juvenile Court.

The new court, which is more or less supervised by the Juvenile Protective Society and presided over by Justice John J. Critchfield, was opened for the first time yesterday afternoon.

It has but slight suggestion of the stern formality of the law, and it is the hope of Justice Critchfield that it will be of benefit to the city in dealing with youthful delinquents. It is more of his purpose to use moral suasion than to rigidly enforce the criminal statutes. Only persons directly concerned in cases will be admitted.

The court consists of two rooms in the northwest corner of the City Hall basement. To reach the courtroom proper it is necessary to pass through a comfortable reception room.

The high bench, which is always so conspicuous in most courts, is missing. The desk of the judge rises up on a small platform raised but a few inches above the floor. Here he can talk to the young offenders in an off-hand manner, devoid of the customary severity of a legal hearing.

The first case heard yesterday was that of Ralph Decker, Henry Bayling, Hudson Kuhn and Howard Raborn, charged with disorderly conduct at Twenty-fifth and Broad Streets. They were dismissed with a warning.

J. Hoge Bickel, a young attorney, one of the probable offenders of the court, has been designated to act as clerk. The court will meet each day at noon.

OUT AGAIN, IN AGAIN

North Carolina Convict Goes Back to Complete His Term.

John Walker, a convict, released from the North Carolina penitentiary at Raleigh, will be taken back to finish a year's term here today. Walker was caught in Richmond some time ago by Detectives Wren and was sent to jail for two months for petit larceny.

It developed that Walker escaped from North Carolina, and the penitentiary authorities of that state were notified he was here and serving time in jail. His sentence will expire today and he will be released. Walker said of the Carolina prison, arriving here yesterday for the prisoner, Walker was serving time for house-breaking.

Fails to Get Quorum.

The Committee on Improvement of the James River met last night for approval of a bill of the department. The committee on Commerce also held a brief session. The Committee on Relief of the Poor had a second time failed of a quorum, and will be called again this evening at 8 o'clock.

TOURISTS FOR EUROPE NEXT SUMMER

will find it decidedly advantageous to make reservations now. All sailing lists and rates at office of RICHMOND TRAVEL COMPANY, 800 E. Main Street.

We "Press Collars"

The latest addition to our modern outfit of machinery is the

Collar Moulder.

It presses the collar; no friction; your tie slips easily; no shiny streaks; wears longer.

Monroe 1855 or 1859.

The Royal Laundry

M. E. FLOREHEIM, Proprietor.

311 North Seventh.

Poor roofing tin makes a poor roof.

Good roofing tin makes a good roof.

G. M. Co.'s Pearl Roofing Tin

is a good tin—the very best at the price.

Gordon Metal Co.

Richmond, Va.

Richmond is protected from fire

by 17 efficient fire companies---176 men.

Richmond Advertisers' Club

CAPITOL INVADDED BY FLOYD ALLEN

Ben Owen Has Pleasure of Greeting Caller, but Almost Faints in Effort.

No text a person than Floyd Allen was a caller at the office of Governor Mann yesterday. Some damage was done to the heart of Secretary Ben Owen before the visitor departed.

The clock that just struck 10 yesterday morning when a stranger entered the office. He was tall, well built, muscular, with keen blue eyes which fastened upon the secretary and refused to be swerved. Determination shone from every line in his countenance.

"What can I do for you, sir?" asked the secretary, pleasantly.

"I am Floyd Allen," returned the stranger, not taking his eyes from those of the man he was addressing.

Ben Owen gave one despairing glance out of the window at the rear, and shuddered at the thought of the day to the marble portico beneath. He remembered he thought of his state of omission, when he has forgotten to give out news to the Capitol reporters. It was but slight consolation in that dark hour that the newspaper men would probably get one good story out of him now, with details regarding his capture.

"I am from Brunswick county," continued the visitor. "I should like to see the Governor for a moment."

Joy beamed from Ben Owen's face. "Certainly," he said, as he pushed Floyd Allen into the Governor's office. He would gladly have loaned a friend a dime in such an hour.

ONE YEAR IN PEN

Woman Pleads Guilty to Having Cocaine in Her Possession.

Tending a child in charge of having cocaine in her possession, Clara Hayes, was sentenced yesterday to one year in the penitentiary by Judge H. H. Wells in the Hustings Court. This sentence was upon the recommendation of Commonwealth Attorney Finkler.

That Hayes could be sent to jail for three months for admitting James Simpson, also released.

THE SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND

Every day brings new responsibilities. You must be prepared to meet them. Open an account with us and lay up something against the "rainy day."

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

HOWLING WINDS TERRIFY TOWN

Front of Building in Broad Street Blown Out in Forty-Mile Gale.

Sweeping over Richmond at a velocity of about forty miles an hour, a hurricane last night barely fifteen minutes last night shortly after 5 o'clock, blew away the entire front of one house, uprooted trees, and carried away fences, telegraph and telephone communication was seriously interrupted, many wires and poles, especially in the rural sections, being blown down.

The whole front of a frame building occupied by L. C. Jenkins, member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, as a general contractor, at 305 West Broad Street, was torn away from the structure when the wind was at its highest. Several pedestrians who were hurrying by to seek shelter from the rain, which was coming down in sheets, narrowly escaped injury as the front part of the building crashed to the sidewalk and into the street, leaving a mass of wreckage. It tore down telegraph and telephone wires and smashed the lamps of ornamental street lights.

A high bill board, covered with tin, occupied about thirty feet from the Jenkins' structure to the next building on the east. This also went down before the gale. It was believed that the wind struck the board with such force that it weakened the building and caused the front to topple over.

Though high winds continued through the night, the worst of the storm which had a decided hint of lightning and thunder, passed in about a quarter of an hour.

Shortly afterwards reports of uprooted trees and fallen telegraph poles and wires obstructing streets and sidewalks began to reach the police.

A big plate glass window in front of the store of the Home Furnishing Company, 124 West Broad Street, was blown out. This glass had been put in about a week ago, its predecessor having met a similar fate. The glass in the same place has been broken in by wind three times in the past few months.

TO FIX COUNTY LEVY

Henrico Supervisors to Meet for That Purpose on April 10.

Pressure of routine business prevented the Board of Supervisors of Henrico county, in regular session yesterday, from laying the county levy. A special meeting for this purpose was called for April 10, it is anticipated that the levy will be heavier than about this year because of increased expenditures for schools.

No action on the grand jury report of probable automobile driving in Henrico was taken by the supervisors, and the matter now rests with Judge Scott, who has his police officers combing the roads for offenders. Many petitioners for new roads and repairs to old roads were present to urge their cause yesterday.

SENT IMPROPER LETTERS TO WIFE

Nathan Florida Fined in Federal Court for Mailing Them to Mrs. Florida.

Nathan W. Florida, a traveling salesman, who was indicted by the grand jury in the United States District Court on Monday for violating the postal regulations, in that he sent certain improper and offensive letters and pictures to his wife, Mrs. Nathan W. Florida, yesterday appeared before Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., and entered a plea of not guilty. He was fined \$150 and costs.

The case was the first of its kind ever heard in this district or perhaps anywhere else. The letters were sent to Mrs. Florida in Richmond while her husband was traveling in other States. She had only been married a short time, but the offense was such that she turned the documents over to her attorney. They were subsequently transmitted to the postal authorities, by whom they were submitted to the United States district attorney. When the evidence was presented to the grand jury on Monday an indictment was promptly returned. The trial would have been held this week except for Florida's plea.

Hit Him With a Brick.

Wilbur Moore, a nine-year-old negro, was struck on the head by a brick last night by Willie Banks, a companion, with whom he had quarreled. A severe wound was inflicted, and it was necessary for Dr. R. E. Warr, ambulance surgeon of the City Hospital, to take three stitches in the boy's forehead. Ross Moore, of 414 North Main Street, swore out a warrant for Banks.

Midweek Prayer Service.

The midweek prayer service at Grove Avenue Baptist Church, his evening will be conducted by the Young Men's Baraca Bible Class.